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STUCK FAST WITH 350 PASSENGERS

ON A BAR IN ROCKAWAY INLET,
Five Hours Waiting in the Fog Before Help Came and the Passengers Were Transferred to the Mabel Kirke and Put Ashore.

The steamboat Columbia of the Knickerbocker line left Jewell's wharf, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon at 2:20 with about 350 passengers on board, bound for Rockaway Beach. As the lines were cast loose from the dock the head of the boat

The upper deck lately played a part in the "Went's" homecoming. The "Went's" action was not nearly verified. The trip as far as the Narrows was pleasant, but suddenly the sun disappeared behind a cloud and the Columbia ran into a dense fog bank. The fog hung on after she had passed Coney Island Point. It was impossible to see ten feet ahead of the steamer as she slowly felt her way down the channel.

The bell buoy at the entrance of Rockaway Inlet was passed in safety. Then suddenly the bell was rung to stop, and Pilot Luke Schenck put his hand behind his ear to catch the sound of the bell on the passing buoy. He caught it, and signalled the engine to stop. Then slowly, Hardy had the signal been given before the passengers felt a heavy shock, followed by two or three, slighter ones, and the Columbia was hard aground on the north bar, a mile and a half from the Narrows.

Efforts to back her off were useless, and the passengers, many of them from the heavy fog, tired, and hungry, made the best of the situation, as possible. The band was brought down to the lower deck, and the passengers were allowed to dance. Capt. Holden assured the passengers that there was no immediate danger. He had the engine lowered to the lowest speed, and the steamer for one of the Canarsie steamers. As the bell, with First Officer Johnson and Press Cook, went down to the lower deck, the passengers went up the stairs to the upper deck, and cautioned the boat's crew to turn out. The fog was still so thick, and the little excitement occasioned by the darkness and departure yielded to melancholy.

Just as darkness was setting in the steamer Canarsie, a small tugboat, came to the aid of the Columbia, and responded to the whistle of the Columbia, and lay near her for some time, unable to offer any assistance. The tugboat was then ordered to leave.

Capt. Holden was thinking of sending a second boat in search of the first, when the steamer Canarsie came to the aid of the Columbia. She ran alongside of the Columbia and the passengers were ordered to be brought to the Canarsie, and then shipped to the East River, New York. They had been five hours waiting to be taken to the East River.

Agent Judson said that the boat sent for assistance got lost and had it not been for a tugboat, the Columbia would have been lost.

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Marching in the Main.

The Montgomery Greys of Alabama and the Houston Light Guard of Texas were received in Brooklyn yesterday by the 6888 Central Postal Directory Regiment. The rain upset the programme, so far as the march to the City Hall and the review by Mayor Low was concerned. Instead, they marched down Broadway, in this city, and were entertained by the 6888 Central Postal Directory Regiment at the Clermont avenue armory. An exhibition of their military drill, and a display of their light and sound received an enthusiastic welcome. The 6888 Central Postal Directory Regiment, under Captain Beech, took the visitors were hospitably entertained at the armory, and then they marched to the City Hall in Brooklyn. This morning they will be escorted to the boat for transport by Company B.

Two Missing Girls.

Maggie Ellwood, 16 years old, has been missing from Mont Vernon since the 10th of the Fourth. She was a nurse in the family of John Nelson. On the evening of the Fourth she told Mrs. Nelson that she was going to the city to see her mother. She had no acquaintance of some young girl named Ellwood, who was a young girl of Park, and that from this place she had taken the Fifth Avenue car.

She was a young girl of Mont Vernon, whose name is well known in the neighborhood. She was about 10 years old. She had a dispute with her father about the 10th of the Fourth, and she had been told to leave his permission. She was traced to this city, and yesterday she was taken back to her home. She was found at a bar, whether a constable has gone in search of her.

The Pines Hunters Were on Hand.

Cornelius Fitzgibbon, the aged watchman of the Hall of Records, died on Monday, after a three weeks' illness.

It is all but connected with the office for eight years. The little daughter of the family had of the old man's death was when a bundle of place bunters came in yesterday to try to get the money. The boy turned them all out with a few remarks and a sudden hand on the door closed the widow a check for £1000 for July.

Her Ascent Not Caught.

Edward Ritchie, the negro who, it is alleged, assaulted the little daughter of Carl Schmidt at Queens, N. Y., Sunday evening, was arrested on Monday night and locked in the county jail. He was charged before Justice Betts, and committed for the action of the grand jury. Ritchie has served one term in prison for a similar offense.

The Hotel Brunswick Will Keep.

The Hotel Brunswick will be closed this evening, but will reopen for business on Monday. The proprietors, Messrs. Kinsler & Southgate, the assignee, Mr. R. M. Northgate, becoming a partner in the new firm.

The Weather Yesterday.

Inflated by Hudson's thermometer: 3 A. M., 70°; 6 A. M., 71°; 9 A. M., 72°; 12 M., 73°; 3 P. M., 73°; 6 P. M., 72°; 9 P. M., 72°; 12 M., 71°. Average 72½°. Force on July 7, 1884, 77°.

Signal Office Prediction.

Occasional light showers, followed by fair weather, slightly warmer.

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

Sir Evelyn Baring has started for England.

Gen. Wolsey sailed from Alexandria yesterday for England.

The French Senate yesterday adopted the Egyptian financial convention.

The *Chicago Evening Works*, in the southern part of Meville, Pa., were burned on Monday night. Loss, \$500,000.

The Mexican editors arrived at Niagara Falls yesterday. Friday and Saturday they will spend in Boston, and on Sunday will return to New York.

The Ontario Nominat has restored the wine and beer tax, which was abolished by the Ontario bill, which was struck out in the House of Commons.

Arrangements have been made for a five-mile race, between the two world record holders, the York and the Toward, to be rowed on Lake Huron July 29, for \$500.

Reports from the United States of America are attending the Ohio State Teachers' Association at Cleveland, Ohio. The thirtieth session began on Saturday.

David Young, a prominent farmer of Glen, N. Y., and his wife, who were found dead in their bed, are still beside one of the favorite haunts, death having been the result.

The insurance on the tobacco burned in Houston, Tex., will be paid by the American Insurance Co. of New York, which is the largest company in the world.

The wife of Daniel Donnelly, who was killed as the result of a fall from a building on Monday, has since been informed that the body of her husband has been found. She will remain in the hospital.

The motion for a new trial and arrest of judgment in the case of the late John McKinley of Ohio, who was convicted of murder in the first degree, was overruled in Cincinnati yesterday.

At Vienna, Va., on Sunday, Eas Shanahan, aged 19, was killed by a train. The body was found on the tracks, having been hit by a train. The body was found on the tracks, having been hit by a train.

While a funeral procession was crossing the track of the Maine Central Railroad near East Newport station on Monday afternoon, a carriage containing Deacon Jacob Tuttle, aged 60, and his wife, aged 75, was struck by an engine and thrown into a ditch. Mrs. Tuttle was almost instantly killed and the carriage was demolished.

Nervousness and dyspepsia cured by Carter's Little Liver Pills. Twenty-five cents.—Adv.